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1. A special school for SPD functionaries and members, believed [] to be under the direct control of the SED's Central Committee, is located in the Schorfheide area northwest of Eberswalde. *
 2. The school has been in operation for only a short time. One of the instructors (Lehrgangslatter) teaching at the school is Hans Lary, former member of the History of the KPdSV(L) Department of the Karl Marx Academy in Klein-Machnow. Marx left the academy some time in April. **
 3. An SED Party school for members of the Social Democrat Party (SPD) from Rostock, Germany, has been opened in a locality which lies somewhere in the immediate vicinity of Berlin. In early 1951 one Tietzlaff, representing the Propaganda Section of the Greater Berlin Directorate of the SED, lectured at the school on the subject of the Oder-Neisse line. He found the students open-minded and very much interested in all topical issues, but he encountered difficulties in discussing such problems as the Oder-Neisse line, on which they had strong reservations.
 4. An average of 30 students at any one time is believed to be attending courses at the school. Its principal, a young SED functionary whose name [] Hans Vogel, is said to be discharging his tasks, involving continued ideological battles with the student body, with great skill and diplomacy. The housing provided - the school is alleged to be located in a lavishly furnished former castle or mansion - greatly impresses the students. [] this school also comes directly under the jurisdiction of the Central Committee and not of the Greater Berlin Land Directorate. ***
- * [] Comment: [] a location called Brännicke or Brönnicke.
- ** [] Comment: [] to provide any additional information on the curriculum of the school, the number of students in attendance, terms of enrollment, and standards applied in the selection of students.
- *** [] Comment: There is no confirmation that either school exists, and it is possible that the school for SPD members may be identical with an institution located in Bernau, near Berlin, which ran a course on "peace policy" during the period from 2 to 21 April 1951 for members of the Sozialdemokratische Aktion (SDA). []

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